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"WAIT! ENDURE! HOLD OUT!" HERTLING URGES REICHSTAG

Brain Not Right, Dr. **Testifies**

In Answer to 15,000-**Word Question Put By Uterhart Expert Testi**fies Old Wound Affected Mrs. De Saulles.

Mineola, L. I., Nov. 30-Mrs. Bianca De Saulles was not men-tally sound, did not know the BRITISH PRAISE nature or quality of the act and did not know that it was wrong, when she shot her former husband, John L. De Saulles, in his Long Island home, according to experts who testified today in her behalf.

This opinion was given in response to a 15,000 word hypothetical question put by attorneys for the detense. It, engaged in military operations on the in brief, summed up the evidence pritish front, took a prominent part given during the trial by witnesses in the breaking of the Hindenburg in the defense. It stressed each occurrence and circumstance during Military necessity has made it im-Mrs. De Saulles' life that her attorneys maintained may have influenced her mind on the night of August 3the time of the shooting.

To brain pressure resulting from a skull fracture suffered in childhood and to hypothyreosis, a disease of the thyroid gland which affects the brain and nerve centers, was ascribed Mrs. De Saulles' alleged lapse of ac-countability. It was during the that the defendant claims she fired the revolver shots. se District Attorney Charles

R. Weeks did not approve the framing of the hypothetical question put Saulles' attorneys ed notice on Justice David F. fanning that he would request time prepare one to his own ch he will submit to alienists led in behalf of the state.

This is expected to lengthen the taking of testimony considerably and it is not expected that the examination of expert witnesses will be ended before Monday or Tuesday. In reference to the phrasing of the

hypothetical question put today, it was pointed out that the New York state laws provide no person shall be convicted of a crime committed while dant was suffering from such a defective reason as not to know "the nature and quality of the act or as not to know that it was

Henry A. Uterhart, counsel for Mrs De Saulies, announcing the comple-tion of the hypothetical questions to be submitted on behalf of the defense, made known the phrasing of the be-15,000 word interrogation just before the opening of court today. It begins: "Assume, doctor, that Blanca Er-razuriz De Saulles was born near San-

tiago, Chile, April 29, 1894-" Continuing, it tells of the fall she suffered when a child, a fall in which Christmas. she is said to have received severe injuries to her head; the three years she spent in an English convent; her meeting De Saulles on her return to Chile: of their marriage ; their marital difficulties; the automobile accident in Chile a few years ago in which Mrs De Saulles alleges she received further injuries to her head; the divorce and finally a resume of the defense's version of the tragedy.

question concludes Assuming of the foregoing facts and having in mind your personal exami-nation of the defendant, in your opin-being 12 cents a pound. ion was the defendant mentally sound

3, 1917?" Assuming all the foregoing facts and having in mind your personal ex-amination of the defendant, in your opinion did the defendant know the been instituted in the superior court have been stolen from some other es-

and having in mind your personal ex-two pieces of land owned by the Ur-andnation of the defendant, in your bans for extension of the reservoir opinion did the defendant know that system, but has been unable to agree

the act was wrong?" keeper who testified last week for the mittee to fix a reasonable price. Two

U. S. SOLDIERS PLAY FOOTBALL ON FEAST DAY

With the American Army in France, Thursday, Nov. 29—(By the Associated Press) — Every American soldier in France spen a real American Thanksgiving to-day. He dined on turkey and all that goes with it until he could

The feature of the day was a football game in which a team from the engineers defeated a team from the infantry. The game was watched by thousands of American troops and a thousand French soldiers who were home from the front on leave. The shouts from the respective rooters were heard far afield and toward the end of the game the French soldiers, getting the hang of it, became just as enthusiastic as the

Virtually all instruction work and drilling was suspended for the

eers, the first American troops to be

Military necessity has made it impossible to speak of their presence before, but it is now possible to inthat engineers of the American army had a large part in pushing up the vital railroads behind the advancing British soldiers.

As a matter of fact the America engineers have been laboring on the roads through the devastated battle fields of the Somme district for nearly four months and two of their men who were wounded, were the first American casualties announced from Washington.

The speed with which the lines have been laid through the broken Hindenburg defense during thel ast week has called forth the highest praise from the British authorities The Americans have been working in shifts 24 hours a day and no such amount of track has been laid in this region in so short a time before. The manner in which they stood up under the strain has led to their letes," for these untiring soldiers are as fit today and as willing as they were before the battle began.

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10,000 POUNDS OF SUGAR RECEIVED:

The arrival of \$10,000 pounds of sugar in this city today squelches the manufactured yarn that Bridgeport will go without sugar until after The shipment contained 100 bags of 100 pounds each and will he taken over by wholesalers immediately for distribution.

This will afford temporary relief Wholesale grocers are optimistic and are of the belief that further shipments will be forthcoming during the next week. On Wednesday the stocks of wholesale and retail dealers were completely exhausted and near riots resulted at several places where it had been put on sale. It was allotted in bags of one pound

the time of the shooting on August HYDRAULIC CO. WANTS PROPERTY

Condemnation proceedings have nature and quality of the act she was by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. tablishmett. against Charles and Mary Urban of Assuming all the foregoing facts Monroe. The Hydraulic Co. wishes upon a price with the owners, and Raymond B. Hamilton, the garage asks for the appointment of a comcution, was the first witness to-He said that he wanted to cor-about 17 acres and the other of about rect a couple of statements that he three acres. Both are near present a previously made from the stand relprotection of the city's water supply.

DUAL MONARCHY Banks Help SEEKING PEACE WITH RUSSIA

(Late Bulletin)

London, Nov. 30-The government of Nikolai Lenine has fallen, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Chronicle dated Wednesday. It has been succeeded by a coalition cabinet of advanced socialists in which, however, the bolsheviki are re-

Amsterdam, Nov. 30-The Austro-Hungarian government, according to a dispatch from Vienna, has sent an official reply accepting the Russian government's wireless proposal to enter negotiations for an armistice and a general peace treaty.

follows:
"The guiding principles announced British Army Headquarters in The Austro-Hungarian government France, Monday, Nov. 26—(By the therefore declares it is ready to enter any tangible days associated Press)—American engin-upon negotiations as proposed by the Russian government regarding an im-(Signed) "CZERNIN."

"Foreign Minister."

The reply was sent yesterday and is they will travel by special train to German headquarters in Brest Litovsk. "The guiding principles announced by the Russian government for negotiations for an armistice and a peace treaty, counter-proposals to which are awaited by the Russian government, are, in the opinion of the Austro-Hundral are. garian government, a suitable basis war on the dual monarchy, but the for entering upon these negotiations. general impression in official circles here is that it will not bring about development for the

Administration senators gathering mediate armistice and a general peace. for the coming session of congress, among them some who have publicly expressed the opinion that the United The Russian envoys sent to treat States should declare war on all Gerwith the Germans, according to a Reu- many's allies, have found on conferter dispatch from Petrograd, have tel- ence with the executive branch of the egraphed the Bolsheviki leaders that government that there is no disposiform the people of the United States the Russo-German plenipotentiaries tion to ask congress to make another will meet Sunday noon at the crossing war declaration at this time. They on the Dvinsk-Vilna railroad west of found that the hope of breaking up the village of Kukharishky, between the Central power alliance had not the opposing military lines. Thence been entirely abandoned.

RESTAURATEUR, VICTIM OF GAS, IS FOUND DEAD

In an effort to get warm, John Daskaloupolous, 28 years of age, part street nearer to ocm at 28 Middl dubbed "the force of American ath- himself, last night, and without real- wieding of that streets eight feet on izing that he had disconnected the the north side, and it is probable that

He was found dead, this morning, by his partner, who went to summon him at 6:30 o'clock when it occurred to him that Daskaloupolous was late in reporting for business Finding the door locked and a strong odor of gas in the hall, the partner roused another man in the house, and the two an appeal in the Superior Court from forced their way into the room, dis- the award of the board. Keane was covering the dead man's body lying partly on the bed and partly on the

Dr. Ewald Olssen, in the emergen hospital ambulance, arrived quickly in response to a hurry call, but ascer-tained that the man had been dead for some time. The victim was unmar-

IN POLICE TOILS

Shop-lifting is alleged against Julia Salonsky, aged 40, of New York city, following her arrest by Officer Weller, of the First precinct, in a five-and-ten-cent store, this morning. The woman is said to have been caught in the act of pilfering from counters, and when taken in custody was found in her possession a plush

The police are on their guard against holiday thieves, every pre-caution being taken to prevent petty stealing in stores and from women shoppers.

ties reported during November to-talled 129,089, divided as follows: Officers killed or died of wounds 1,152; men, 24,292. Officers wounded 85,87; men. 91,108.

CLAIMS \$15,000 DAMAGE BY JOHN ST. WIDENING LAVITSKY

Property owners in John street are not accepting the estimate of the owner of the Quality Lunch, at 287 board of appraisal on the damage to Middle street, drew a gas heater in his be inflicted on their property by the leading to an open fixture, went the cost of the work will far exceed the estimate of the board when the Superior Court has passed upon the appeals now pending if the figures of the owners are to be accepted as any criterion of the value.

John F. Keane, owner of a piece of property 60 by 65 feet on the side affected by the widening, has entered allowed \$8.753 by the appraisal board, but estimates the damage to his property at \$15,000. His property is on the side of the street opposite the library building, and at the rear of the property owned by Thomas L. Watson, and the T. L. Watson Co. Watson, and the T. L. Watson Co. have also filed appeals from the action of the board, and these cases are pending to be heard before the December term of the court.

HIT BY FLYING AS SHOPLIFTER WHEEL, WORKMAN CRITICALLY HURT

Flying from its shaft while revolving at a high rate of speed, a polishing wheel in the plant of the American Graphophone Company went hurtling through the air and struck forcibly garding his activities during the incase and a pair cuff links believed to against the abdomen and chest of August Schipke, aged 31, of 263 Ward ing the machine, today.

The impact of the heavy missile against his body inflicted painful in-London, Nov. 30-British casual- J. F. Keegan responded with the ambulance. Schipke was taken to St.

Vincent's hospital. The victim is in a serious condition under careful observation.

In Housing Conditions

Local Banker is Elected to Board of Trustees of New Corporation Which Will Attempt to Relieve Conditions.

the principal object sought by peace." a newly organized corporation ers Mortgage Co., Inc., now local men are interested.

The concern will endeavor to accomplish its object by overcoming the difficulties due to the present money scarcity. Its aim will be to supply money ,or means of obtaining it, at all times to meet the urgent demands of mercantile and industrial growth. Many cities have increased their population greatly, in the past few years, but are unable to hold the newcomers because they cannot provide home facilities. The result is that good labor is scarce, skilled workmen moving from place to place in order

to find suitable homes. Some of the most prominent bankers in the state are directors of the corporation, Albert W. Tremain, treasurer of the American Bank & Trust Co., this city, being Bridge port's representative on the board.

wel Lavit is none other than Samuel Lavitsky who about three years ago, after having been an inmate of the Fairfield county sanatorium for tuberstarted a business on State street, and ated Press.)—The lessening of the inwithin a month went into barkruptcy tensity of the enemy attacks along the events. Up to the present the Amerwas established today by former fellow workmen. It is alleged that the present Samfel

Lavit, agitator and co-partner of I. W. W. agents, was then Samuel Lavitsky and after appealing to the sympathies of the men working with him was secured admittance to the hospital from which he emerged some months later a well man.

Lavitsky, or Lavit, as the case may be, then went into the clothing business on State street and became a According to the records of the United States district court on the day set for hearing of his case Lavit, or Lavitsky, failed to appear. Further record shows that Lavitsky was never discharged from bankruptcy. The creditors were paid a 5 per cent, dividend.

Lavit's whereabouts between the terim.

technical matter and in union circles none ventures a guess as to what action should be taken in the case. jury upon the man, and rendered him It is doubtful if the Machinists' union unconscious. A hurry call was sent will again choose such a man without to the Emergency Hospital, and Dr. first making a thorough investigation.

THE WEATHER.

SUCCESS FOR GERMAN ARMS IS NOW ASSURED, CHANCELLOR AFFIRMS -MINIMIZES SUCCESS OF LATEST DRIVES ON WEST FRONTS—ITAL-IANS FAST SUCCUMBING PRESSURE—NATION RECEPTIVE TO RUSS PEACE.

Berlin, Nov. 29, via London, Nov. 30-The war situation was reviewed before the reichstag today by Count George F. von Hertling, the new imperial German chancellor. He declared that Germany was ready to enter peace negotiations as soon as Relief of housing conditions the Russian government sent representatives having full powin Connecticut cities and towns ers to Berlin. The chancellor said he hoped and wished that affected by war industries is the present efforts would take definite shape and "bring us

German arms, the chancellor said, have been uniformly of bankers, known as the Bank- successful, and the submarine warfare will reach the aim intended for it. He said that the tonnage of the ships sunk will operating throughout the state exceed that of those newly constructed. He praised the army from its offices in the Hart- and navy and eulogized the home population for its patience ford-Aetna National Bank and endurance under great privations. Political reforms would building, Hartford, in which be carried out but the fundamental principles of the imperial constitution cannot and shall not be changed.

The reichstag was packed when the | terruption since July and chancellor began his speech. The British army was superior in num new state secretaries, the Prussian and that several French divisions had minister, the new Bavarian premier, taken part in the fight, the members of the reigning German houses, the Austrian, Turkish and farms the German front there re-Bulgarian embassadors and all the mained unshaken and the enemy was neutral ministers were present.

speech, after personal references to German U-boat bases. He added: his assumption of office, by asking the loyal co-operation of the reichstag, attacks in Flanders, the British are He continued:

"We are approaching the end of the result. year that has been full of far reaching and decisive events in many thea. successes northeast of Scissons and ters of the war. I am proud and before Verdun, but every strategis thankful to say that the arms of exploitation of these has been Germany and her allies have been vented by the German army command successful on almost every occasion Every one remembers the events and everywhere."

He recalled that the Flanders bat- Riga and Jacobstadt. le had continued almost without in-

standing the loss of some villages and eutral ministers were present. as far as ever from his object of the imperial chancellor opened his reaching the Flemish coast to destroy

"Recognizing the failure of their now seeking near Cambrai a decisive

"The French also have had local the east which led to the conquest of

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LAVIT? UNION HUNS ATTACK BRITISH LINES AT CONNELIEU

British Army Headquarters in France, Nov. 30-(By the Associated Press)-The Germans this morning made an attack That the present business agent of on the British lines about Connelieu, which is just south of the the Machinists union in this city. Sam- area included in last week's British offensive.

No details of the progress of the enemy assault are avail-

able at this time. Italian Army Headquarters in Italy, case of a reverse along the Piave, Thursday, Nov. 29 .- (By the Associor in preparation of defensive positions capable of meeting the Italians, is yet at peace. reinforced by the British and French, in a concerted advance. Aviators rewhere he is compelling the civilian particular activity, and in the region of lines of cafense trenches and works of violent bombardments, the ene

The arrival of several American of and perhaps significant of coming northern front is regarded as fore- ican government has required military easting the moving of activity to oth- and naval observers to remain comer points, either for massed attacks paratively inactive in Italy so as not to affront Austria, with whom Ameri

Paris, Nov. 30-The night was calm over the whole front, the war office port that the enemy is feverishly reports, "except in the Argonne, where active along the Tagliamento river the artillery on both sides showed population to assist in the construction of Chambrettes, where, after a series on the eastern bank of the river to undertook a large raid, in which be which he probably would fall back in was repulsed completely."

STOLEN MOTOR-CAR

Within a few hours after a Chandtime he left Bridgeport three years ler, seven-passenger touring car, the ago and the time he showed up at property of John Blazio, of 185 Rail- transferred as follows: Tax.com Machinists' headquarters about two road avenue, had been reported stolen years ago is not known. Various ru- from a garage in Lafayette street, its mors more or less ugly are affoat re- recovery in Southport, where it had 250; board of health, \$2,400; fire abandoned with one wheel proken off, was announced at police Just what is the legal status of headquarters, this morning. Joy-ridstreet, Wallingford, who was operat- Lavit at the present time is a strictly ers are believed to have taken the machine.

GROUNDED PATROL BOAT IS FLOATED

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 30-An American patrol boat which ran .Connecticut: Cloudy tonight and ashore on a ledge off the North Atand believed to be suffering from dan-Saturday, probably rain or snow; lantic coast two weeks ago was floated gerous internal injuries. He is now warmer tonight; moderate southeast today and taken in tow for a nearby

THIEVES ABANDON | BOARD TRANSFERS ACCOUNTS OF CITY

A meeting of the board of apportionment was held today and sums in various departmental accounts were sioner's office, \$1,250; registrars of voters, \$195; police department, \$1 partment, \$3.638.34 to pay itafind men's salaries; \$3,000 for special new equipment account, \$6,000 for build ing repairs account and \$1,000 for fur niture account; board of charities, \$3 450 and department of public

CLOTHES CLOSET AFIRE. Search with a lighted match resul ed in a fire which destroyed the tents of a clothes closet in the l of Mrs. William Henderson. Main street, at 10.42 o'clock morning. Damage amounting about \$200 was done before the i was extinguished with char